TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIRD COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1103.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

Tuesday, the 14th August 1928/30th Karkatakam 1103.

The Council reassembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven-thirty of the clock, the President presiding.

The following members were absent:—(1) Mr. J. J. Daniell and (2) Mr. L. A. Lampard.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Remission of cost of Minor Irrigation works in the Trivandrum and Chirayinkil Taluks.

108. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of instances in which they have remitted the whole cost of any minor irrigation work in the Trivandrum and Chirayinkil taluks under Section 16 of the Irrigation Regulation?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): There have been no instances of the kind.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to say whether the instances brought to the notice of the Government required the remission of the whole cost of restoration?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say just now.

Assignment of Grazing Blocks in Neduvangad.

109. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether the Tahsildar of Neduvangad inspected this year (1103) the plots of ground set apart for the grazing of cattle;

(*b*) whether he discovered any unauthorised occupation of lands set apart for this purpose, and, if so, the action taken in the matter;

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[Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai.]

(*c*) the extent of land set apart for grazing in Nanniyod in the Pallode pakuthi in the Neduvangad taluk; and

(*d*) (i) whether this land is under the occupation of any one at present (2-12-1103); and

(ii) whether there are proposals for assigning away this land?

MR T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The present Tahsildar inspected some of the grazing blocks of the taluk after he took charge of the same.

(*b*) Unauthorised occupations were discovered in the above area. Cases were taken against the encroachers and occupied portions containing substantial improvements were ordered to be leased on *Kuthakapattam* to the occupants. Encroachments made on the remaining portions were ordered to be removed.

(*c*) An extent of 88 acres and 26 cents is set apart for grazing in Nanniyod, in the Pallode pakuthi, Neduvangad taluk.

(*d*) (i) Most parts of the above area are occupied by different persons.

(ii) There is a proposal for the assignment of the area along with the other grazing blocks of the taluk.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), what is the extent of land that is proposed to be given away in *kuthakapattam*?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The information is not available just now.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): If the occupied portions are to be given away would it stand in the way of cattle-grazing?

MR. T. P RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. That extent will not be available for the purpose. The remaining area will be available.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): What is the extent of blocks available for grazing?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That is not known now.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Why are they departed from now?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Partly due to valuable improvements and partly due to the original area being found to be too much in some cases for purposes of grazing.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Am I to understand that the area set up is too much?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): In some cases it is too much. In some cases, the lands have been used for other purposes.

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MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): With reference to the answer that specific proposals have been made, am I to understand that there were reasons for this?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): These are the reasons. But it is not so as a general rule.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PLLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): What is the extent to be given away under Kuthakapattam?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): In part (ii) the answer is, there is a proposal for the assignment of the area. From whom did the proposal originate?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): From the Land Revenue Commissioner. It is under consideration. It is not finally decided.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): What is the provision made for grazing when he made the proposal for assignment?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): As I said, these grazing grounds were set apart with a view to answer the demand for pasture. The needs have been re-examined and ascertained; portions are being assigned where such assignment is found to be unobjectionable.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government allow the people to give their objections, if any, before final decisions are passed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Oh, yes.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will he give me an opportunity of explaining the situation to him?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Oh, yes. So far as this is concerned it will be done.

Contribution to the Imperial Institute, London.

110. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount given as contribution to the Imperial Institute, London; and

(*b*) the Travancore products sent to the Imperial Institute during the past three years (1100-1102) and the results of their examination?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) £ 100 per annum. The Institute also renders assistance in commercial and industrial enquiries.

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